

\$17,400,000 LOSS IN SALE OF FIVE SHIPS BY COOLIDGE

Is Five Times Greater Loss Than
Operation of All U. S.
Ships Last Year.

WASHINGTON—On the basis of appraised values the five passenger vessels of the United States lines offered for sale by the shipping board will mean an actual out-of-pocket loss to the government of \$17,400,000, not including such amounts as may be paid later to the Germans to compensate for the seizure of the ships during the war.

The shipping board has spent \$11,312,000 on the Leviathan, of which \$5,000,000 represents the original cost of reconditioning. On the George Washington, \$4,200,019 has been spent, \$1,000,000 of which was for reconditioning. On the Republic, \$4,847,392 has been spent, of which \$3,500,000 represents the cost of original reconditioning.

The shipping board has placed appraised values on the vessels of the United States lines as follows:

Leviathan, \$2,967,000; George Washington, \$2,145,000; Republic, \$3,844,300; President Roosevelt, \$1,287,000; and President Harding, \$1,287,000. The last two ships were built by the board at a cost of about \$6,000,000 each.

On the basis of the appraised values, the five going ships of the United States lines, which a guarantee of continued operation for 10 years, could be bought for \$14,335,000, or \$17,640,000 less than they have cost the government. Whether the board will seriously consider such an offer is not known at this time.

Some members of the board will oppose the sale of the line at such a figure, it is understood. The "minority" on the board believes that an attempt is being made to get rid of the United States lines before Congress meets and it is expected that it will oppose the sale unless assurance is obtained that the line will be better off under private operation than under government operation.

Coolidge's excuse for thus sacrificing the ships belonging to the American people is that the government is operating them at a loss. In 1924, the total loss from operating all government-owned ships was \$8,623,484. In 1925, it was \$2,135,562. THE LOSS ON THE SALE OF THESE FIVE SHIPS ALONE IS SEVEN TIMES GREATER THAN THE LOSS FROM GOVERNMENT OPERATION LAST YEAR.

Laborites Win Three Seats In Canadian House

OTTAWA, Canada—Early returns from the Canadian parliamentary election Sept. 14 indicate that the labor representation at Ottawa will be increased at least 20% by the addition of a 3d member to help out J. L. Woodsworth and A. H. Hays who seem to have been re-elected.

The laborites are the strongest party in the new parliament but do not command a majority, according to available figures, with about 115 seats to 100 for the conservative, and 20 for the minor groups, all of them well below the vote with the laborites in return for legislative and in some cases patronage concessions.

The fact that no party has a majority gives the labor group the strategic advantage in spite of its small size of being the balance of power in critical votes.

The Dominion elections of Sept. 14 saw 23 candidates in the field under the banner of Labor or associated bodies. Six were avowed Communists, though not running as such.

A determined effort was made by the conservatives to defeat Woodsworth, who has sat in the last two parliaments in Winnipeg. Heaps, the other labor member from Winnipeg, had a 3-0 record in the last election.

VIENNA—The latest suicide case in Budapest is that of a child four and a half years old, the daughter of a "Chor," who asked her mother: "Why must one live?" The mother replied she did not know. The child asked her father the same question and received a like reply. When the parents left for their work the child drank a bottle of chloride of lime. She was found crying with pain and was taken to a hospital, where she died.

Socialists and Liberals in War on Conscription

Start Move to Have League of
Nations Outlaw Draft in
Every Country

LONDON—A committee of Socialists, Communists and Liberals in the principal countries of Europe has just issued an anticonscription manifesto through the office of its British secretary, H. Rumbold Brown, 11 Abbey Road, Enfield, Middlesex, England.

"During the war people in these countries determined to throw out forever the yoke of militarism," this manifesto states. "When peace came, the league of nations was welcomed as the offspring of this hope. It is our duty to see that the terrible suffering of the war does not recur."

The men behind the movement include such figures as Norman Angell, H. G. Wells and Bertrand Russell of England; Henry Barbusse, George Duhamel and Romain Rolland of France; while Germany is represented by Prof. Albert Einstein and a number of men with military titles led by General Von Deminling.

Call for Action

"We call for some definite step toward complete disarmament, and the demilitarization of the mind of civilized nations. The most effective measure towards this would be universal abolition of compulsory military service in all countries as a first step towards true disarmament.

"It is our belief that conscript armies, with their large corps of professional officers, are a grave menace to peace. Conscription involves the degradation of human personality, and the destruction of liberty. Barrack life, military drill, blind obedience to commands, however unjust and foolish they may be, and deliberate training for slaughter, undermine respect for the individual for democracy and human life.

Militarism Is Unjust.

"It is degrading human dignity to force men to give up their lives, or to inflict death against their will, or without conviction as to the justice of their action. The state which thinks itself entitled to force its citizens to go to war will never pay proper regard to the value and happiness of their lives in peace. Moreover, by conscription the militarist spirit of aggressiveness is implanted in the whole male population at the most impressionable age. By training for war men come to consider war as unavoidable and even desirable.

"By the universal abolition of conscription, war will be made less easy. The government of a country which maintains conscription has little difficulty in declaring war, for it can silence the whole population by a mobilization order. When governments have to depend for support upon the voluntary consent of their peoples, they must necessarily exercise caution in their foreign policies.

Must Outlaw Conscription.

"In the first draft of the covenant of the league of nations, President Wilson proposed to make conscription illegal in all affiliated countries. It is our duty to restore the original spirit which created the league, a spirit shared by many of those who fought in the war, and professed by many of the statesmen of the countries concerned. By the universal abolition of conscription we can take a decisive step towards peace and liberty.

"We therefore call upon all men and women of goodwill to help create in all countries a public opinion which will induce governments and the league of nations to take this definite step to rid the world of the spirit of militarism, and to open the way to a new era of freedom within nations and of fraternity between them."

Wisconsin Progressives Back Melms, Socialist

MADISON—A sensation in Wisconsin politics occurred late yesterday when the Madison Capital Times, official state paper, and official La Follette progressive organ, called upon the followers of Senator Robert M. La Follette to defeat Congressman Schafer, 8th district, Milwaukee, and to elect Edmund T. Melms, Socialist candidate.

With the endorsement of Melms to succeed Schafer by the progressive forces here there evidently will be a complete alignment in Milwaukee county between the La Follette forces and the Socialists to elect Melms and Berger to congress, since Stafford, Berger's opponent, is an old-time reactionary and a supporter of President Coolidge.

CONSCRIPTION, A CRIME AGAINST CIVILIZATION

On this page of the American Appeal is the news of the new movement in Europe to have the League of Nations abolish military conscription.

In the opinion of the American Appeal, here is a movement which holds tremendous promise for good.

Military conscription is the greatest single challenge to civilization in the world today.

It is essentially more barbarous, more savage, more destructive of the whole sense of civilization than chattel slavery.

The chattel slave is asked merely to surrender his body to the process of producing wealth or giving service for another.

The conscript is asked to summarily surrender his life, his conscience, his morality, his belief, his sense of humanity, all sympathy and feeling for his fellow men, AND GO OUT AND COMMIT MURDER, TO ANY GOVERNMENT WHICH HAPPENS TO BE IN CONTROL OF HIS COUNTRY.

WHETHER THAT GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN PLACED OVER HIM BY FORCE, FRAUD, POLITICAL CORRUPTION, OR BY A MAJORITY IN COMPLETE DISAGREEMENT WITH HIS IDEAS AND ESSENTIAL ALLEGIANCES.

There is not one human quality which represents civilization that is safe while governments have that monstrous power.

Not since the dawn of history has there existed any governmental right so atrocious in its nature, so fundamentally destructive and degrading, so wholly and completely enslaving, as the right claimed by modern governments to ASK MEN TO KILL AND SUBMIT TO BEING KILLED REGARDLESS OF THEIR IDEALS, BELIEFS OR INTRINSIC ALLEGIANCES.

THIS RIGHT IS A COMPLETE DENIAL OF ALL MANHOOD, ALL TRUTH, ALL CHARACTER, ALL TRUE SPIRITUALITY.

It should be destroyed and removed from the face of the earth forever.

The movement by the high minded Socialists, Communists and Liberals of fourteen leading countries in Europe to destroy it through the exercise of a world government IS A REAL MOVEMENT TOWARD CIVILIZATION.

Only a super government, only universal law and order, only the Co-operative Commonwealth can take away this fiendish power from governments, but the struggle around this principle will help vastly to bring the Co-operative Commonwealth.

It is a great issue launched by the intellectuals of our movement. If it is properly supported, it will provide our movement with spiritual contacts of a highly vitalizing order. It will provide us with a new spiritual lever with which to pry the present system into the pit of oblivion.

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And They Say It Can't Be Done

While Coolidge is rushing the sale of government owned ships before Congress convenes, and is causing a loss of many millions of dollars by these forced sales, the government owned ships of Australia are proving that Coolidge's alleged reasons for selling the ships are false and that he is betraying the American people by disposing of their valuable property.

The following is from the latest issue of the Australian Worker to reach the American Appeal office:

"The Commonwealth Shipping Board has announced a general reduction in freight from Australia to Britain and other European ports, commencing from next week. There is to be a reduction of 10 per cent, on general cargo, and special reduction on primary products.

The International Shipping Combine has also announced a reduction in freights similar to that made by the Commonwealth Shipping Board.

"Mr. R. H. Hoffman, secretary of the New South Wales Branch of the Australian Workers' Union, commenting on the decision of the Commonwealth Shipping Board to reduce freights, said that the reduction was no doubt possible through the fact that during the last 12 months the Bay and Dale boats had made a profit of about £100,000. Since the Commonwealth Line made its first thrust at the high freights some year ago over the rebate issue, the 'conference' ships had been compelled to reduce their freights. That had meant a saving of millions of pounds to Australian shippers. The latest move of the Commonwealth Line to reduce freights, followed closely by the action of the 'conference' ships in further lightening the load of Australian shippers, indicate that the Bay and Dale ships were not only a profitable enterprise, but were also a national asset.

"The reductions had only been made possible by the peaceful conditions which had prevailed in the industry since the agreement between the Line and the Unions, drawn up by the Premier (Mr. Lang) about 12 months ago."

Two Federal Agents Admit Sacco-Vanzetti Frame-Up.

Gross Corruption In Alaska Blamed to the President

Basel Manly Charges Coolidge
with Failure to Remove Officials
After Exposure.

Future of President Coolidge to replace Federal Judge Reed and District Attorney Shoup of the first division of Alaska, and Federal Judge Ritchie of the third division have resulted in "Sacco-Vanzetti" conditions of corruption, and the President is squarely charged with responsibility for this by Basil Manly, Director of the Legislative Service, a prominent member of the Alaska bar.

"Over three months ago," the Manly message to Mr. Coolidge reads, "you withdrew their nominations on unanimous recommendation of judicial committee after overwhelming testimony had disclosed their unfitness and the scandalous conditions for which they were officially responsible. Nevertheless you have allowed them to remain in office—a disgrace to Federal bench and a menace to law enforcement."

"Can you as President remove such scandalous conditions by simply refusing these incompetent and corrupted officials? Will you surrender Alaska to the Salmon Trust, and to the bootleggers, dope peddlers and denizens of the underworld?"

Intolerable Conditions

Mr. Manly said today that P. P. Chalmers, Republican Commissioner of the first division, had just wired that conditions are growing steadily worse. Coolidge, Reed, Ritchie, Shoup, kept in office after their exposure. People have lost respect for courts, law enforcement, honest government. Information from third division shows conditions worse. Situation serious.

Mr. Manly points out that those of us who were formerly associated on recommendations of Douglas and Attorney General Harlan E. Stone "very sensibly recommended a clean up and declared they should not be responsible." He said that this position was absolutely endorsed by Mr. Manly Walker, Washington, Assistant Attorney General in charge of the prohibition enforcement.

Report Infractions

Here are some of charges that Mr. Manly will report to the President were "completely proved or admitted" in the Judiciary Committee hearings:

"Judge Ritchie, convicted of libel in Utah, fled State to escape payment of fine and prosecution for perjury. Still fugitive from justice."

"Judge Reed admitted judicial tyranny in sentencing F. W. Harris and associates to jail for contempt when there was no foundation in law or fact for such sentence."

"Judge Reed and District Attorney Shoup participated in unlawful conspiracy to defraud United States Government by payment of fraudulent witness fees."

"District Attorney Shoup permits red light districts to operate openly in Ketchikan and Juneau in violation of Abatement Law and in spite of repeated protests from ministers, women's organizations and respectable citizens generally. Evidence on file in Department of Justice shows thousands of dollars tribute levied on prostitutes monthly by undertakers for protection."

"Judge Reed and Attorney Shoup use their official positions to protect dishonest trust corporations and destroy independent fishermen."

Supporters and friends of these men indicted by Mr. Manly and his organization assert that the motive behind the drive against Messrs. Reed, Shoup and Ritchie is politics. They charge that an opposing Republican faction is fighting the delegate to Congress, Dan Southland, and his associates. They contend that the allegations made are based on misrepresentations.

Convict Mines of Alabama

It has recently been brought to light that in the convict mines of Alabama prisoners were forced to mine coal while standing in water until their feet swelled and cracked, and they were forced to continue working even when sick. Instances were given in which the unfortunate men were put to death to free them from their misery, and some of them were killed. What a system!

Government of Britain Yields to Coal Miners

Baldwin Offers to Settle Strike
on National Basis Asked
By the Strikers

LONDON—Following the discussion today at 10 Downing street between Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin and Evan Williams, president of the mine owners' association, and later with the miners' chiefs, Mr. Baldwin made the following written offer to the miners:

"If the miners are ready to face the economic facts of the industry and will again start to work on provisional district settlements, the government is prepared to secure through legislation these principles properly applied by means of a national appeal to the tribunal."

This means virtual granting of the demand of the miners, who have insisted they will return to work only under a national wage agreement.

It is understood the union officials have summoned an executive meeting to consider the proposals.

Americans Won By What They Saw In Russia

Sherwood Eddy Commission Urges
Immediate Recognition of
Soviet Government.

NEW YORK—After a month's intensive study of conditions in Soviet Russia, members of the Sherwood Eddy commission returned to the United States, expressing the conviction that this country should recognize the Russian soviet government. The commission and unofficial delegation made the recommendation without passing in any way on the merits of the soviet system from a political viewpoint.

Larry S., writers, educators, and prominent churchmen composed the delegation. Two women members made a study of the women problem under the soviet regime.

Members of the delegation said the Russian authorities placed at their disposal governmental documents as well as allowing them unhampered access to all government institutions and industrial plants. The Americans interviewed prominent soviet leaders.

Admitting there were phases of the soviet system which seemed objectionable to outsiders, the commission members declared the soviet government had greatly benefited the masses of the people and was one of the most stable governments in Europe.

Mr. Eddy, secretary for Asia of the national council of Young Men's Christian association, headed the delegation. Other members were Dr. Charles C. Morrison, editor of the Christian Century, Dr. Matthew Spinka of Chicago, and William Danforth, manufacturer, of St. Louis.

LONDON—Tarini Prasad Sinha, a Hindu disciple of Gandhi, was arrested today at Alfreton, Derbyshire, in the heart of the mining area under the emergency powers act for preaching Gandhi's doctrines of non-violence and non-cooperation in the coal strike.

FOUR SOCIALISTS HAVE NO OPPONENTS

At least four Socialists are sure of election in Wisconsin next fall. The reason is that no old party opponents were nominated against them in the primaries.

All of them are in Milwaukee county. They are State Senator Polakowski up for re-election, and the following Socialist candidates for the Assembly: E. H. Baumann, 11th district; Julius Kiesner, 9th district; Albert Wolter, 8th district. Milwaukee county Socialists nominated 20 candidates for the State Assembly and five for the State Senate.

Make Affidavits That Officials
Did Not Believe Men Guilty
of Payroll Murder.

Dedham, Mass.—Judge Webster Thayer tonight had under advisement the motion of a new trial for Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti, which their counsel had argued was justified by suppression of evidence by the government in a case where they lacked jurisdiction.

Judge Thayer indicated that it would be several weeks before he reached his decision, but could not say when it would be ready.

By ESTHER LOWELL
(Federated Press)

DEDHAM, Mass.—The lives of Sacco and Vanzetti may depend on the interest the federal department of Justice is forced to take in its own frameup of innocent men condemned to die for a murder committed by a confessed bandit and his accomplices. This is the situation in Judge Thayer's courtroom as Atty. William G. Thompson for the defense presents his plea for a new trial.

To support the confession of Celestino Madeiros that he and his Morrell gang committed the South Braintree payroll murder in 1920, for which the 2 radicals were condemned, the defense produced numerous affidavits. Madeiros was to have been executed last week for another murder, but Gov. Fuller at the last minute postponed the electrocution in spite of the angry demands of the Sacco prosecution that this important witness be put out of the way.

The first sensational disclosure was the affidavit of Fred J. Weyand, who as a federal agent arranged for attending defense meetings, planting a stool pillion as collector of funds for the defense and putting a spy in the cell next to Sacco's. Weyand swore that the government wanted to deport the men as draft evaders, but couldn't make out a case.

Similar evidence of a federal-state frameup was given by Lawrence Lethbride, a postal inspector for 25 years and department of justice agent 8 years. He corroborated Weyand's statement that the federal men on the case did not believe Sacco and Vanzetti guilty of the payroll murder, but considered it the work of professional criminals like Madeiros' Morrell gang. The federal agents were content to see the murder convictions be further testified, to get troublesome fellows out of the way.

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Socialists of Europe to Make Trip to Mexico

At the invitation of the Mexican Federation of Labour a delegation of prominent European trade union leaders will be sailing to Mexico at the end of this month for the purpose of studying the Labour Movement there.

The delegation, the Daily Herald is informed, will be under the leadership of Mr. J. W. Brown, secretary of the International Federation of Trade Unions, and will consist of Messrs. A. A. Purcell and Ben Smith, from Great Britain; Edo Finnson, of the International Transport Workers' Federation; Leon Jouhaux, general secretary of the French C.G.T.; Cornille Martens, secretary of the Belgian Trade Union Commission; Charles Lindley, president of the Swedish Transport Workers' Union; Disman, of the German Metal Workers' Union; Bassoli, of the Italian Confederation of Labour; Durr, of Switzerland; and Zofanski, of Poland.

Messrs. George Hicks and J. Bromley, this year's delegates of the Trades Union Congress to the American Federation of Labor Convention, will probably be invited to join the party.

Although several of these delegates are members of the General Council of the International Federation of Trade Unions, they do not officially represent that body, or indeed any other organization.

In issuing the invitations the Mexican Federation of Labour has aimed to secure a delegation of prominent leaders representative of different shades of opinion in the Trade Union Movement.

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